

Remarks/Arguments

Election/Restrictions

The examiner withdrew claims 69-72 and 74-84 from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. The remaining claims now depend from allowable base claims. Upon allowance of generic claims(s), Applicant respectfully requests reentry, consideration, and allowance of withdrawn claims which depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of an allowable generic claims.

Claim Objections

The examiner objected to claims 64 and 65. Claims 64 and 65 have been canceled.

The examiner objected to claims 85, 89 and 93 as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 85, 89, and 93 have been amended in a manner believed to overcome the objections.

The examiner cited claims 43 and 44 as allowable if "rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims." Claim 28 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 43. Claim 44 has been canceled. Other amendments have been made to align the pending claims with those indicated by the examiner to be allowable. Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the pending claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 11, 23, 26-28, 31, 32, 35-40, 45, 48, 49, 51-54, 56, 57, 98-100, and 102-108 as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,387,447 to Slutz. The amendments to the claims are believed to render the rejection moot.

Rejection under 35 USC § 103(a)

The examiner rejected claims 37, 54, and 105 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Bokros USPN 4,300,244 in view of Bokros USPN 4,1169, 477. The amendments are believed to render the objection moot.

CONCLUSION

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the pending claims. Upon allowance of a generic base claim, applicant respectfully requests rejoinder and consideration of the withdrawn claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this request, or to

credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0997 (SwRI-2890-04), maintained Paula D. Morris & Associates, P.C.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paula Morris", written in black ink.

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